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No significant incidents have been reported on the Egyptian front. UN teams have taken up positions between the Egyptian and Israeli forces as the disengagement proceeded.

In contrast to the general quiet on the Egyptian front, sporadic artillery duels have occurred on the Syrian front since last weekend. A Syrian military spokesman claimed that a clash on January 30 resulted in the destruction of some Israeli engineering equipment. The Syrians have previously fired on such equipment apparently to disrupt Israeli attempts to improve their positions.